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SUBJ: TRAVEL OF FARHAD MASSOUDI, ETTALAT PUBLICATIONS

1. FARHAD MASSOUDI, PUBLISHER OF ETTALAT PUBLICATIONS, ONE OF TWO MAJOR PUBLISHING COMPANIES IN IRAN, HAS REQUESTED EMBASSY TO INQUIRE ABOUT POSSIBILITY OF INTERVIEWS WITH PRESIDENT FORD AND SECRETARY KISSINGER PRIOR TO SHAH'S VISIT.

2. EMBASSY HAS INFORMED MASSOUDI THAT EXCLUSIVE PRESIDENTIAL INTERVIEWS ARE VIRTUALLY NEVER GRANTED BUT THAT WE WOULD INQUIRE. IF SECRETARY HAS AVAILABLE TIME TO MEET MASSOUDI, EMBASSY WOULD SUPPORT INTERVIEW. MASSOUDI IS INTELLIGENT JOURNALIST WHO HAS RECENTLY INTERVIEWED A NUMBER OF MIDDLE-EAST LEADERS INCLUDING PRESIDENT SADAT.

3. MASSOUDI RECENTLY TOOK OVER LEADERSHIP OF VERY SIZEABLE PRESS EMPIRE UPON THE DEATH OF HIS FATHER, ONE OF IRAN'S TWO PRESS LORDS.

4. HE CAN FLY TO WASHINGTON ON SHORT NOTICE. PLEASE ADVISE.
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